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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
11 SOUTHERN DIVISION
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13 NETLIST INC., a Delaware
corporation,

14 Plaintiff,

15 v.
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17 SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO.,
LTD., a Korean corporation,

18 Defendant.
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CASE NO. 8:20-cv-993-MCS (ADS)

**NETLIST INC.'S OPPOSITION TO
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO.,
LTD.'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT OR IN THE
ALTERNATIVE PARTIAL
SUMMARY JUDGMENT**

1 Netlist *on Netlist's request*.” It makes no reference to the parties’ joint development
2 efforts whatsoever. Nor does the heading of Section 6—“Supply of Components”—
3 suggest in any way that such components are to be supplied only in connection with
4 joint development efforts.

5 The provision immediately preceding Section 6.2 demonstrates that where the
6 parties intended to limit an obligation to a specific class of products, they knew how
7 to do so. Section 6.1 mentions NVDIMM-P specifically in connection with *Netlist's*
8 obligation to provide certain controller products *to Samsung*. Section 6.2, in contrast,
9 says nothing about NVDIMM-P or any product other than NAND and DRAM.
10 Because Samsung has not identified an ambiguity in Section 6.2, it “must be enforced
11 according to the plain meaning of its terms.” *Greenfield*, 98 N.Y.2d at 569.

12 Samsung’s attempt to read a unique implied limitation into Section 6.2 also
13 does not make sense in the broader context of the contract. Notably, Samsung does
14 not argue that the *entire* JDLA relates strictly to the parties’ joint development
15 efforts—conveniently, only Section 6.2 is purportedly so limited. Samsung even
16 admits that “the main purpose of the JDLA was patent licensing,” which should be
17 construed “broad[ly].” Br. at 26 n.6. Samsung provides *no reason* for the Court to
18 import an implied limitation into Section 6.2 that *concededly* does not exist in other
19 provisions in that same contract—whether it be Section 7 (the parties’ mutual release
20 of claims), Section 8 (the grant of patent licenses), or Sections 1 and 13.1 (the term of
21 the contract—including the supply obligation—running through “the expiration of the
22 last to expire of the Licensed Patents”). At bottom, Samsung is simply asking the
23 Court to broadly construe the patent licensing consideration that it received from
24 Netlist, SUF ¶¶ 24, 42, and simultaneously to narrowly construe the mandatory supply
25 obligation consideration that it agreed to provide, *id.* ¶¶ 14-17. There is no basis in
26 the text of the JDLA or otherwise for that self-serving distinction. Samsung is a highly
27 sophisticated company that is capable of drafting agreements spelling out precisely
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1 507 F. Supp. 3d 508, 545 (S.D.N.Y. 2020) (failure to timely pay taxes was material
2 breach notwithstanding subsequent efforts to mitigate damages). In any event, Netlist
3 did suffer damages as a result of Samsung’s improper withholding and refusal to
4 cooperate. *See* SUF ¶ 54.

5 **Third**, Samsung argues that Netlist waived its right to terminate by
6 “intentionally delay[ing]” the termination. Br. 33. That is both untrue and not waiver.
7 Rather, Samsung tries to relitigate the election of remedies argument that it previously
8 raised in its motion for judgment on the pleadings. Dkt. 61 at 22-23. This Court has
9 already rejected Samsung’s argument that “Netlist did not promptly seek
10 termination.” Dkt. 120 at 7. By changing its verbiage, Samsung is attempting a blatant
11 and improper end-run around the Court’s resolution of this very issue. *See Ischay*, 383
12 F. Supp. 2d at 1214; Local Rule 7-18.

13 Samsung’s waiver argument also fails on the merits. “Under New York law,
14 waiver is the voluntary and intentional relinquishment of a contract right,” which
15 “must be based on a clear manifestation of intent” and “is not to be inferred from a
16 doubtful or equivocal act.” *Optima Media Grp. Ltd. v. Bloomberg, L.P.*, 2021 WL
17 1941878, at *13 (S.D.N.Y. May 14, 2021). It has no bearing here because the parties
18 included an express no-waiver of rights provision in their agreement. Choi Ex. 19
19 § 16.2. New York law “uniformly enforce[s] these types of clauses,” which erect a
20 “high burden” that Samsung can overcome only by providing “evidence sufficient to
21 demonstrate that [Netlist] intended for the no-waiver clause to have no effect” here.
22 *Optima*, 2021 WL 1941878, at *14. While a no-waiver clause can itself be waived, a
23 party’s “decision not to terminate . . . earlier than when it did” provides no basis from
24 which a court can “infer [an] intention to waive.” *Id.* Accordingly, Netlist did not
25 waive its right to terminate the JDLA.

26 CONCLUSION

27 For the foregoing reasons, the Motion should be denied.
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